

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A slopeboard mounting device, which comprises:

a rigid shaft having a first end and a second end;

a means for attachment of said rigid shaft to a slopeboard frame, said means for attachment being located near the first end of said rigid shaft; and

a means for indicating the desired location of a mounting lug, said means for indicating being located near the second end of said rigid shaft, and said rigid shaft being selected to have such a shape and size that said means for indicating is maintained at a desired position with respect to the first end of said rigid shaft which is the same position as is desired for a lug pivot point to have with respect to the slopeboard frame.

Claim 2 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 1, wherein:

the means for attachment comprises two mounting holes through which bolts can be placed.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 2, wherein:

said rigid shaft has an aperture near the second end of said rigid shaft; and

the means for indicating comprises:

a pin having a non-threaded hole;

a pin having a threaded hole; and

a bolt that passes through said pin having a non-threaded hole and the aperture within the rigid shaft before screwing into the pin having a threaded hole.

Claim 4 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 3, wherein:

the shape and dimensions of said rigid shaft are selected such that any obstructions are avoided by such rigid shaft.

Claim 5 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 4, wherein:

said rigid shaft comprises two arms joined at substantially a ninety-degree angle.

Claim 6 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 3, wherein:

said rigid shaft comprises two arms joined at substantially a ninety degree angle.

Claim 7 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 2, wherein:

the shape and dimensions of said rigid shaft are selected such that any obstructions are avoided by such rigid shaft.

Claim 8 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 7, wherein:

said rigid shaft comprises two arms joined at substantially a ninety-degree angle.

Claim 9 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 2, wherein:

said rigid shaft comprises two arms joined at substantially a ninety-degree angle.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 1, wherein:

said rigid shaft has an aperture near the second end of said rigid shaft; and

the means for indicating comprises:

a pin having a non-threaded hole;

a pin having a threaded hole; and

a bolt that passes through said pin having a non-threaded hole and the aperture within the rigid shaft before screwing into the pin having a threaded hole.

Claim 11 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 10, wherein:

the shape and dimensions of said rigid shaft are selected such that any obstructions are avoided by such rigid shaft.

Claim 12 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 11, wherein:

said rigid shaft comprises two arms joined at substantially a ninety-degree angle.

Claim 13 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 10, wherein:

said rigid shaft comprises two arms joined at substantially a ninety-degree angle.

Claim 14 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 1, wherein:

the shape and dimensions of said rigid shaft are selected such that any obstructions are avoided by such rigid shaft.

Claim 15 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 14, wherein:

said rigid shaft comprises two arms joined at substantially a ninety-degree angle.

Claim 16 (original): The slopeboard mounting device as recited in claim 1, wherein:

said rigid shaft comprises two arms joined at substantially a ninety-degree angle.